

Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022
Time: 1700 to 1800 hours
Location: Microsoft TEAMS
Topic: Freedom Convoy

Commissioner Carrique

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Nick Milinovich (PRPS)

Jim Ramer

Matt Peggs

Rohan Thompson

Carson Pardy

Brett Flynn

Bill Fordy

The meeting objective will be for intelligence and information sharing, to assist with informing local decision making and identifying opportunities for strategic collaboration. The intent is not to make operational decisions, or provide operational direction. It is to ensure that information and structures are in place to assist with joint decision making amongst affected police services.

Agenda

1. Intelligence Briefing

Superintendent Pat Morris, Provincial Operations Intelligence Bureau, OPP

Pat Morris- Ottawa- one off- will see sustained pressure there. Crowd becoming aggravated. They're resilient and committed. Have leadership which the other locations do not have. Increasing antagonism towards police and counter protestors.

Covert ops teams discussions to move the trucks into red zone are problematic.

Ottawa- people making open comments constantly that they are here to stay.

Increased sales of bear spray seen. Continued issues and resilience of people from Montreal to travel to Ottawa.

Toronto- what they experienced last week is significant. For all of the 7 spots being monitored- much lower numbers of T/Ts we thought. They know there is low tolerance there.

Haven't seen extremist yet

Experiencing a grass roots movement with commitment and antagonism, frustration.

Not a matter of UC operations. Mostly regular people, mixed with mental health-

expect pop up events. Messaging from PLT today in Cornwall- enflaming the Indigenous community- we're concerned for your public safety- led to successful consultation.

Consequences are important. Ottawa is different and more difficult.

Seeing increased hostility- will be difficult for us

Sloly- have read every Hendon report- analyst reviewing them- no info that this was going to be a long term occupation- no intel suggesting the level of coordination behind

an occupation. We have been doing everything we can- what showed up on Saturday was not in the Hendon reports. These people have trained for and are not learning about it over the past 10 days. They recruited for it. Let me dispel this myth that this is inaction of the Ottawa Police. I am all for learning lessons from each other- but TPS didn't have truck drivers with that mentality- let's get that straight going forward. What I heard is that there is inaction here. If any insinuation that we were not prepared, let's have that conversation right now.

Commissioner- Pat simply providing lessons learned and no intent to disparage the OPS. This is not the appropriate format- let's take this offline.

Sloly- let's be careful about comparing OPS and other services.

Commissioner- has been different situation – will follow up offline- RCMP, OPS and OPP from national picture.

Morris- difficult- Pigeon River and Nipigon stretched thin. Will be difficult but monitoring social media.

RCMP Michel Arcand- protestors gathering between NB and NS. QC covered by Chief Sloly. AB- 4 highways remain completely blocked (Coumts). Govt considering injunction. Border access still blocked. BC- focus on highway with points of entry- social media being monitored. Internationally- in Paris/ Belgium they're becoming active.

2. Update on Status of Integrated Response Planning Team

Chief Superintendent Carson Pardy, OPP

3. Hub Co-ordination of Police Resources

a. Status of weekend support activities

Superintendent Mike McDonell, OPP, Superintendent Tom Berczi, Waterloo Regional Police Service, A/S/Superintendent Peter Moreira & Superintendent Shaun Narine, Toronto Police Service

Tom Berczi- POU deployment- London deployed in Windsor today. Heading to Windsor shortly to support tomorrow operations. Hamilton in Toronto today- remain available tomorrow for deployment if required.

Peter Moreira- POU complement- PRPS returning from Ottawa today. Keeping POU here to monitor for tomorrow.

4. Status of ongoing & upcoming Demonstrations

Police Service of Jurisdiction Roundtable

Windsor- Chief Thib- uniform and QRT presence at Bluewater Bridge in Sarnia. EB traffic remains open. T/T convoy blocking the shoulder e of BW bridge remains blocked. EDR in place. Will continue with PLT negotiations. Operationalizing a plan for I/C and removal of equipment next week to open the highway.

Moved forward with action plan POU in Windsor. Took over area 1- and 2 and half of 3. Numbers of protestors increased significantly. Able to take over part of area 3- looking to increase enforcement and arrests.

Windsor Chief- Pam Mizuno- jersey barriers installed for control line- tickets/ towing vehicles. Many moved cars vs having them towed. Numbers went up significantly at 4pm and now down to 200-250 at the line. Some numbers at a point further south. Progressing well.

Commissioner- will need to hold ground there before traffic can pass over the bridge. Will reassess tomorrow as day goes on. Demonstrators stating “you can’t stay forever” shows momentum internationally.

Niagara Chief MacCulloch- Bill Fordy-

Brett Flynn- had continent form OPP and from Halton assisting in NRPS.

Only about 3 T/Ts- mostly pickup trucks. Peace Bridge closed proactively. OPP set up and diverted off at Gilmour Road. Have set up under the bridge in areas. Some found their way up onto the bridge on the QEW partially blocking the roadway- never entirely blocked.

Municipal roads- owners faking having a disabled vehicle- tow attended and refused to tow.

They have figured out how we’re getting trucks onto the US Bridge. Members negotiating to have the area cleared- considering taking action – only about 20-30 people in the intersection and some trucks backed up.

Rohan Thompson- some protestors after they left the Peace Bridge tried to stop traffic- was averted by OPP. Maintaining heavy presence in the area.

We have educated and warned enough- anyone blocking the highway will now be charged.

Commissioner- rumor of events in Hamilton.

Hamilton- Ryan Diodati- Hamilton- protest 200 people shut down city hall area. They asked for lanes – we didn't give it to them. Working with Niagara and had full POU in TPS for the day.

Peel Regional- Nick Milinovich- no issues at Pearson today. Added additional staffing and doubled down on proactive intel gathering. We're staffed appropriately.

TPS - Peter Moreira- delay tactic- rerouting- people trickled in and we were able to interrupt traffic. Intel service supporting across the province. Many we expected in Toronto went elsewhere due to traffic being interrupted. Stage of heavy equipment last weekend was effective. Took bigger footprint than last week. Strategic about what we would let go. Facilitated peaceful protest at QP – 3000 pp march. Controlled the roadways for the march. Show of support for Ottawa- gas cans- received delegation to not allow gas cans in the park. Fire services stated with POU and integrated. Successful today to thin crowd into manageable group.

Norm Hansen- Sarnia- small gathering today at city hall- dispersed (25-30 pp) only.

Cornwall- Vince Foy- protest at port of entry- 20 farm tractors drove to bridge at international seaway bridge. 200 showed up in support. Cleared at 4pm- gone by 5pm. Remained peaceful. Road was not blocked. Awkwasasne territory is there. Keeping standby posture and will reassess tomorrow. Monitoring overnight. No intel suggesting they will be coming back.

Gananoque- Chief Karl Thomas- info of convoy coming to 1000 Islands0 resources on ground to stop closure of the bridge. Will have posture there for the evening and Johstown crossing.

OPS Peter Sloly- thanks for heads up on Windsor Ops. Difficult to move trucks but happy to see the ground gained there. Traffic plan today- had 3-5000 trucks coming- mostly from QC. Adjusted traffic plan- closed bridges and able to divert the majority into large staging areas across the river. Only had about 500 trucks. Total demonstrators about 500. 4-5000 in Rideau/ Market area. Working on hardened target around the cenotaph.

Large diesel tanker seized and charges laid. Cornwall and OPP assistance appreciated. Anticipate less demonstrators and trucks tomorrow- have Winterlude and Superbowl tomorrow. Resource Team integrated with our command team now.

Aware of efforts happening and discussions taking place. Some potential relief coming from non-police entities. Reducing it weekend over weekend. Reductions based on PLT engagement.

NWR- Brian Mackillop- Nipigon Bridge. Thunder Bay some convoys- went to pigeon river crossing where we had officers set up. PLT engaged. Left without incident. Monitoring fort Frances- expect 50-80 trucks but indicating they won't block.

Sudbury Paul Pederson- there were plans to stage at the mall- did not occur.

Steve Williams- London- 20 vehicle convoy- then about 200. Had 50 officers deployed to keep away from city hall and hospitals- took about 5 hours to snake through. Some counter protestors stopped them – no enforcement/ charges. Peaceful overall.